

21 Cornhill, Boston,

February 12. 1856,

Dear Mr. Webb -

By the Steamship Arabia, which sails tomorrow from this port, I send you a box, containing Liberty Bells, Standards (having Bazaar Report), pamphlets, tracts, &c. &c. with a few books to one and another. - I hope you will get it seasonably and safely, and shall be glad to hear of the same. - I have paid the freight of the box. The Ship's Agent gave me no Bill of Lading, only a receipt for the box & freight. I trust you will have no difficulty in getting it. - We send by Steamer, at Mrs. Chapman's special request, - on account of the complaint, she said, of many in England at the delay in receiving their books, reports, &c., when sent by sailing vessel. - The box is directed just as the envelope is, which contains this letter,



The freight of the box was far lower than I had supposed - but \$3. It would have been some \$12. or \$15., if coming this way. But they get very little freight on their passage home from here, and, it seems, are willing to take it at a greatly reduced rate.

You never need hesitate about calling on me to send you books, pamphlets, &c. - Train & Co's people are very obliging, and will take in their ships small parcels for me, without any charge whatever.

I have not yet heard if you received the parcel which I sent you, by one of their ships, containing copies of the Proceedings of our Meeting in commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the Boston Proslavery Mob of 1835. - Perhaps it is hardly time to hear.

Feb. 13 / When next you write, tell me if I shall send you the subscription-money for the Advocate - or, retain it, subject to your order? It is not all collected yet, but will be about the same as last year, which was \$18. Tell me if you think the American A. S. Society should appropriate something towards the Standard's support. I have had the feeling Advocate's



that you, and its friends generally, chose  
to have it entirely supported by contributions  
on your side the water.

Anne Weston is going to Cuba(!), with  
her brother Warren, to pass the rest of the  
winter and the early spring which is here  
so trying to persons in delicate health, like  
him. I fancy the arrangement is made  
quite as much for Anne's sake, who has  
been a great sufferer from her father's death -  
secluding herself from society almost entirely.

- She came to Boston about a month since,  
to pass a day or two with her friend Mrs.  
Robbins, and, by a severe snow-storm,  
blocking up the rail-road, was compelled to  
remain 5 or 6 days. With that exception I think  
she has not been from home at all. —

Garrison is well, and has gone into the State  
of New York, for a fortnight, to give lectures.

- Phillips is wholly absorbed in his master's  
lecturing, - working very hard. - Quincy  
makes himself known to you through the  
Standard; - I have several times jogged  
him, about his correspondence with you,  
and I hope he is keeping it up. { H.C. Wright  
is in Ohio.

The Feb. Advocate is received. I have  
scarcely looked at it yet - for want of time.  
To-day I shall get it, I think.



We are rejoicing in the prospects of peace  
in Europe. So may it be.

Meantime, there is a very dark prospect  
on the Missouri and Kansas border, threatening  
a contest, which may swell into a Civil  
war. The elements are nearly ready for

The Secunder Atchison is mustering a force  
on the Missouri Western border, undoubtedly  
designed to exterminate the people of Lawrence  
and other 'free-State' towns in Kansas.

is going into Kansas, from the Free State  
but not yet as rapidly as the emergency  
demands. The weather there has been, and

still is, exceptionally cold - wholly unan-  
ticipated by those who have gone there, - the  
thermometer, for several weeks, ranging  
5° to 12° below 0, and once, it is alleged,  
Lawrence going to 22°. That is too cold weather

for fighting; but I have no doubt that  
collisions will occur soon. I do not expect  
a general embroilment, but, should it come,  
neither Missouri, nor Kentucky, nor Tennessee  
(to go no further) could hold a single soldier.

With my sincerest regards to Mr.  
Webb, - and to your brother, to Mr. Hays  
and Mr. Allen, believe me, Yrs. truly  
Saml. May Jr.